



COVID-19 VACCINE FOR THOSE 16 YEARS & OLDER

All Idahoans ages 16 years and older are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.
It's safe, it's effective, and it's free.

Q: Why should 16 and 17 year olds get a COVID-19 vaccine?

A: The COVID-19 vaccine will help keep you from getting the virus and is a safer way to help build protection. With new strains of the virus circulating in Idaho, many students back in classrooms full time, and participating in activities outside of school, getting vaccinated will offer another valuable layer of protection. Choosing to get vaccinated may also help protect people around you, particularly people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Q: Why can those 16 and 17 year old only get the Pfizer brand of COVID-19 vaccine?

A: Currently, the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) and Moderna vaccines are not authorized for use in anyone younger than 18 years old. Under the current Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), the Pfizer vaccine is authorized for use in people 16 years and older.

Q: Do 16 and 17 year olds need their parent's consent to get the COVID-19 vaccine?

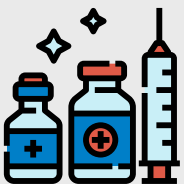
A: Each provider has its own policy or process for vaccinating a juvenile without parental/legal guardian consent. Some health care providers may assess a minor's competency, and if deemed competent, they are able to receive the vaccine without parental/guardian consent, while others simply do not allow minors to receive services without a parental/consent. However, it is important to check with the specific health care provider that you are seeking the vaccine through to determine their policy prior to your vaccine appointment.

Q: Where can 16 and 17 year olds go to get the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine?

A: Currently, the following providers are receiving Pfizer vaccine: Albertsons / Sav-on Pharmacy, Medicap Pharmacy, Primary Health Medical Group, Saint Alphonsus Health System, St. Luke's Health System, Walgreens, and Walmart. *Please keep in mind that not all of the provider locations may provide Pfizer.* You are encouraged to check their individual websites for specific locations that offer Pfizer. A full list of vaccine providers and what vaccine they are currently receiving is available at cdh.idaho.gov/covid.php.

Q: What's happening with a COVID-19 vaccine for younger kids?

A: [Recent research](#) has shown the Pfizer vaccine is very effective in children 12-15 years old. It is anticipated that Pfizer will apply for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) through the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in April 2021 with the hope of starting to vaccinate the 12-15 age group before the start of the next school year.



Resources for More Information on COVID-19 Vaccine

- CDH Information Call Center | 208-321-2222 M-F, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- CDH Vaccine Webpage | cdh.idaho.gov/covid-vaccine
- CDC | [Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [Idaho Coronavirus Website](#)